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# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

## PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/50/L.64

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 30, 32 and 33 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as adopted by the Conference (para. 2);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to assume responsibility for the coordination of policy within the United Nations for the implementation of the Platform for Action and the mainstreaming of a system-wide gender perspective in all activities of the United Nations system, including training, in accordance with paragraph 326 of the Platform for Action (para. 30);

(c) Also request the Secretary-General to report, through the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on ways to enhance the capacity of the Organization and of the United Nations system to support the ongoing follow-up to the Conference in the most integrated and effective way, including human and financial requirements (para. 32);

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(d) Further request the Secretary-General to ensure the more effective functioning of the Division for the Advancement of Women in order to carry out all the tasks foreseen for it in the Platform for Action by, inter alia, providing sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations (para. 33).

## I. ANALYSES OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES RESULTING FROM THE DRAFT RESOLUTION

2. The activities envisaged in the above operative paragraphs of the draft resolution fall under programme 27, Advancement of women, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised. 1/ The Conference was held following the finalization of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. 2/ Accordingly, the outcome of the Conference and, therefore, the activities envisaged in the draft resolution, have not been programmed in that budget. A specific notation was, in particular, made in section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, to the effect that programme 4, Advancement of women, of that section, would be revised on the basis of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

3. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 3/ set out measures for international action for the advancement of women. In particular, chapter V, Institutional arrangements, of the Platform calls for action by the Secretary-General that would require strengthening of activities and resources. At the time of the adoption of the Platform for Action, a statement of programme budget implications was submitted, which, inter alia, drew the Conference's attention to the fact that the final decision on those implications would be taken by the General Assembly (A/CONF.177/L.6).

4. As envisaged in that statement, the Secretary-General subsequently submitted to the General Assembly a report setting out the course of action he intends to take to initiate the necessary follow-up to the Conference, including in the areas covered by paragraphs 30, 32 and 33 of the draft resolution (A/50/744). The requirements for additional resources set out in the present statement relate to the activities set out in the report of the Secretary-General relevant to those paragraphs.

5. Paragraphs 38, 50 to 61 and 87 to 89 of the report of the Secretary-General set out the measures that the Secretary-General intends to take in response to the provisions in the Platform for Action calling on him to assume responsibility for the coordination of policy within the United Nations for the implementation of the Platform for Action and the mainstreaming of a system-wide gender perspective in all activities of the United Nations system, which are reaffirmed in paragraph 30 of the draft resolution. As part of those measures, and in order to ensure that the follow-up would be as broadly based as possible and reflect the expectations and concerns of major constituencies and groups on gender-related issues, the Secretary-General has proposed to complement the expertise available to him within the Organization and the United Nations system by drawing on the advice of a high-level board on the advancement of women.

6. The board, which would be composed of 15 to 20 eminent persons representing a broad range of experience and disciplines, would contribute to the building and strengthening of partnerships between the United Nations and major constituencies on gender-related issues; assist the Secretary-General and his senior adviser on gender-related issues in promoting knowledge and understanding of, and mobilizing support for, United Nations activities for the advancement of women in general, and the follow-up to the Conference in particular; and bring to the attention of the Secretary-General and, through him, to concerned intergovernmental and inter-agency bodies, emerging issues related to the implementation of the Platform and ways and means of addressing them.

7. The high-level board would consist of eminent persons appointed by the Secretary-General to serve in their individual capacity, with due regard to geographical representation. On the assumption that the board would comprise 15 persons and meet twice a year for three days each session to provide advice to the Secretary-General on issues related to the implementation of the Platform for Action, it is estimated that the resources (travel and subsistence costs) required would amount to $240,000 under section 7A of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

8. The measures proposed in paragraphs 36, 47, 49 and 62 to 75 of the report of the Secretary-General are relevant to the recommendations concerning the strengthening of the contribution of the Secretariat for the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference, contained in operative paragraphs 32 and 33 of the draft resolution. As part of the enhancement of "the capacity of the Organization and of the United Nations system to support the ongoing follow-up to the Conference in the most integrated and effective way, including human and financial requirements" (para. 32), the Secretary-General is requested to ensure the more effective functioning of the Division for the Advancement of Women in order to carry out all the tasks foreseen for it in the Platform for Action by, inter alia, providing sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations.

9. As indicated in the report of the Secretary-General, the Division for the Advancement of Women will have a key role to play in respect of the implementation of the recommendations of the Conference, and in carrying out the specific functions entrusted to it in the Platform in connection with the provision of substantive support to the Commission on the Status of Women and other concerned intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); in relation to inter-agency coordination, monitoring and outreach; and in promoting the integration of a gender perspective in all policies and programmes, particularly through the application of gender analysis. The Platform specifically calls for the strengthening of the Division's substantive and analytical capacities in this respect, and the elaboration of studies examining obstacles to the advancement of women. The Secretary-General's report sets out the additional tasks that the Division will be called upon to assume in providing enhanced substantive support to the Commission on the Status of Women and in relation to inter-agency coordination and outreach activities, in paragraphs 64 and 67; in connection with the provision of support for CEDAW and, more generally, in contributing to the strengthening of the overall regime of the protection of the human rights of

women, in paragraph 66; and with respect to the carrying out of gender-impact analysis of policies and programmes, in paragraph 65.

10. It has been estimated that in order to carry out its expanded responsibilities in these three areas, the existing capacity of the Division would need to be strengthened by three additional posts at the Professional level (one P-5 and two P-4 posts).

11. The responsibilities of the posts are detailed as follows:

(a) The P-5 post would be utilized to enhance the capacity of the Division to assist the Commission on the Status of Women in monitoring action to be undertaken at all levels to implement the provisions of the Platform, including within the United Nations system, as called for in paragraph 328 of the Platform. As indicated in the Secretary-General's report, this will include the introduction of new methodologies and concepts to develop further the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, as a monitoring and coordination tool, and the provision of enhanced support to the inter-agency machinery. The post will also contribute to strengthening the capacity of the Division for outreach to, and liaison with, national machineries, non-governmental organizations and other institutions of civil society, as called for in the Platform;

(b) One P-4 post would contribute to enhancing support for international policy-making to further effective follow-up to the Conference, and particularly to enhance substantive services to be provided by the Division to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, as called for in paragraph 324 of the Platform, in particular through the provision of gender-based information to various human rights treaty bodies, as well as measures to ensure that United Nations human rights activities address violations of women's human rights. In view of the importance accorded by the Platform to the elimination of violence against women, the Division will need to develop its database on this subject and to provide increased support to the Committee and the Special Rapporteur in this field. The integration of this expertise in the Division would also serve to facilitate and enhance interaction with the complementary activities being undertaken by the Centre for Human Rights;

(c) The other P-4 post would strengthen the Division's technical expertise in gender-impact analysis of policies and programmes, which was viewed by the Conference as a major prerequisite for mainstreaming. Pursuant to paragraph 328 of the Platform, the Division will need to enhance its capacity to conduct and coordinate studies, applying gender-impact analysis, to examine relationships between the advancement of women and other global issues and ways and means of promoting consistency and coherence in mainstreaming the gender dimension throughout the Organization. The post would also strengthen the capacity of the Division in respect of the development of databases and methodologies to analyse issues and developments concerning women in power and decision-making - one of the new dimensions of national and international action highlighted in the Platform.

12. The three Professional posts are proposed to be established effective 1 January 1996 as new posts. The relating requirements for salaries and common

staff costs would amount to $356,600. Moreover, an amount of $76,800 would be required for staff assessment.

13. In the context of the implementation of paragraph 32 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General also intends to review the capacity of regional commissions to follow up the Platform for Action at the regional level. The results of the review would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the report requested in operative paragraph 32 of the draft resolution.

14. The activities envisaged for other units of the Secretariat in the implementation of the Platform for Action, namely, those for the Department of Public Information, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the Office of Human Resources Management, are discussed in paragraphs 70 to 75 of the Secretary-General's report. It has been estimated that these activities would be implemented from within the overall resources of those units proposed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

## II. PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

15. The following additional activities would be included in section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, programme 4, Advancement of women, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, in order to implement the draft resolution under consideration:

### Section 7A. Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development

Programme 4. Advancement of women

Subprogramme 1. Equality

1. International cooperation

(a) Promotion of legal instruments. Promotional activities on ratification and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation

(iii) Annual reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on the elaboration of an optional protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; report to the Commission on the extent to which violations of women's human rights are dealt with by/in the United Nations human rights regime;

(iv) Contributions to reports to human rights treaty bodies, as appropriate, providing information from a gender perspective with respect to national reports of States parties submitted by them to the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, in the context of implementation of relating Conventions.

Subprogramme 2. Development

1. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation

(i) Report to the General Assembly on women in rural areas, with emphasis on their participation in decision-making;

(ii) Report to the Commission on the Status of Women on decision-making in relation to development, as part of monitoring of the implementation of the Platform for Action.

Subprogramme 3. Peace

2. Published material

Technical material. Expansion of an update of the database on women in decision-making to include subnational level and international organizations, on an annual basis.

Subprogramme 4. Monitoring, review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

2. Parliamentary services

(a) Parliamentary documentation

(i) Annual reports to the General Assembly on actions taken by the organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Platform for Action;

(ii) Report to the Commission on the Status of Women on the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women.

(b) Ad hoc expert groups and relating preparatory work. One ad hoc expert group meeting on developing guidelines for the use of electronic mail in support of the programme on advancement of women (extrabudgetary).

4. Coordination, harmonization and liaison. Substantive support to relevant inter-agency bodies, including the inter-agency task force referred to in paragraph 38 of the Secretary-General's report, and support to the senior adviser of the Secretary-General. Contribution on gender aspects to the

activities of other relevant task forces established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination for the follow-up to major United Nations conferences.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

16. The total additional requirements resulting from the additional activities discussed in paragraphs 5 to 7 and 10 to 12 above would amount to $596,600. In addition, an amount of $76,800 would be required for staff assessment in relation to the additional posts proposed above, to be offset by an equal amount under income section 1, Incomes from staff assessment.

17. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Further, each statement of programme budget implications and each proposal for revised estimates should contain alternatives to the financing from the contingency fund of the proposed new activities.

18. With regard to the additional requirements of $596,600, it was not possible to identify the activities within section 7A that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium to finance the costs of the additional activities under the draft resolution.

19. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.64, the activities listed in paragraph 15 above would be added to the programme of activities under section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

20. An additional appropriation of $596,600 would be required under section 7A, Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997, subject to the guidelines for use and operation of the contingency fund. In addition, an appropriation in the amount of $76,800 would be required under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equal amount under income section 1, Incomes from staff assessment.

## Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/47/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1), vol. II.

2/ Ibid., Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/50/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

3/ A/CONF.177/20 and Add.1, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Organization of work of the Third Committee and draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly reaffirmed the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in its resolution 45/170 of 18 December 1990 and recommended further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to resolution 46/140.

2. The present document contains in annex I measures on the organization of work of the Third Committee and in annex II the draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1996-1997. The draft programme has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Third Committee has taken action. The information in the annexes will be updated orally by the Secretariat when they are considered by the Committee.

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ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time-limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Draft proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

## D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination 1/

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination 1/

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 6. Advancement of women

Item 7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 8. International drug control

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 12. Human rights questions: 2/,3/

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

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1/ Items 2 and 3 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

2/ Sub-item (a) is to be discussed separately; sub-items (b), (c) and (d) are to be discussed jointly.

3/ Delegations may make one statement under sub-item (a) and two statements under sub-items (b), (c) and (d), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

## E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below: 4/

### Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

### Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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4/ References to "odd" and "even" years refer to calendar years.

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Annual

World social situation 5/

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

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5/ 1996 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.
1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
1999 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission on Social Development.

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

National experience in promoting the cooperative movement (even years)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (odd years)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Violence against women migrant workers

Traffic in women and girls (1996)

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 7. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Item 8. International drug control

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

Measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Proposal for an international conference to combat the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities (1996)

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 9. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements (1996)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1996)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 10. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Annual

International measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (1996)

Protection of children affected by armed conflicts (1996)

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even)

Item 11. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Biennial

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (even years)

Item 12. Human rights questions

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (even years)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Year for Tolerance (1996)

Respect for universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1996)

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education

Strengthening of the rule of law

Biennial

Summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee
for 1996-1997

1996 6/

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.5/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.9)

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6/ The programme of work and documentation for 1996 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1996.

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.4/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self determination (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.7)

Item 4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family 7/

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (resolution 49/155)

Item 5. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.3 on the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.15 on strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.16)

Item 6. Advancement of women

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (resolution 34/180) 8/

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7/ General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

8/ Submitted to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125 and draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.25/Rev.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.23)

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of draft resolution A/C.3/50/L.26/Rev.1 on traffic in women and girls

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